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SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -
U.S. CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky
(D-IL) issued today's ["Bush Administration's Misstatement
of the Day"](#) on U.S. contractors in
Iraq

Responding to a [report by the Center on Public Integrity](#), which found that President Bush received \$500,000 for his 2000 election campaign from contractors now performing work in Iraq, a State Department spokesman said:

"There's a separation, a wall, between them (career civil servants) and political-level questions when they're doing the contracts." (New York Times, 10/31/03)

However, the [Center's report](#) stated:

More than 70 American companies and individuals have won up to \$8 billion in contracts for work in postwar Iraq and Afghanistan over the last two years. Those companies contributed more money to the presidential campaign of George W. Bush-more than \$500,000-than to any other politician over the last dozen years.

The Associated Press on 10/30/03 also reported:

Some of the firms working in Iraq are huge, politically connected conglomerates like Halliburton - corporate parent of Kellogg, Brown & Root and formerly headed by Vice President Dick Cheney. Iraq contractors DynCorp, Bechtel and Halliburton donated more than \$2.2 million - mainly to Republican causes like the 2000 Bush presidential campaign - between 1999 and 2002, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. In the case of Halliburton, the U.S. government hired the company in Iraq without a competitive bid, after the company recommended itself in a study. Halliburton's Iraq oil services contract, worth \$1.59 billion so far, will be extended until December or January. The company reported Wednesday that its government work in Iraq and elsewhere helped boost yearly third-quarter earnings by 39 percent, to \$4.14 billion.